



## 2016 Knight's Gambit Pinot Noir

*"Wafts of marionberry cobbler and Mission fig swirl forth with fragrant floral notes, warm vanilla and spicy sandalwood. Rich and decadent, yet still nuanced and layered, the sweet entry unfolds into luscious, ripe red fruits. The endless finish is buoyed by lovely acidity and lithe tannins."*

Gary Horner, Winemaker

### VINEYARD OVERVIEW

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Plantings at Knight's Gambit vineyard began in 1988 with the most recent plantings completed in 2001. Today the vineyard covers 34 acres and spans 600-950 feet in elevation. Knight's Gambit consistently produces high quality fruit characterized by fresh red fruit characters, and is often a component of our Estate Selection Pinot Noir, as well as a stand-alone single vineyard wines.

The vineyard contains seven individual blocks based on clone, soil conditions and slope, and there are several microclimates throughout the vineyard. Planted in 1988, the lower elevation area contains clones 115, 777 and Pommard, with additional 777 and Pommard clones added at a higher elevation in 2001.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

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The 2016 growing season rocketed to the earliest start in recent history. An early warm spring transitioned to an even-keeled but warm summer. A welcome cooling trend towards the end of the ripening period spread harvest across four well-ordered weeks. Harvest began August 25 and lasted until September 27 under perfect conditions.

Fruit quality was exceptional, producing balanced wines that despite the warm and early season, maintained acidity with moderate alcohol. The result is excellent color, plush tannin and purity in the reds and classic varietal character in the whites.

APPELLATION  
DUNDEE HILLS AVA

VINEYARD  
KNIGHT'S GAMBIT

BARREL REGIME  
15 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH, 40% NEW

HARVEST  
SEPTEMBER 19-23

T.A.  
0.62 GM/100ML

pH  
3.54

ALCOHOL  
13.5%

CASES PRODUCED  
223 FCE